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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Fumiaki Takahashi, et al.
Serial No. : 09/240,134
For : SYSTEM CONTROL METHOD AND SYSTEM CONTROL APPARATUS
Filed : January 29, 1999
Examiner : L. Luu
Art Unit : 2152

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.121(a)

This is in response to the Office Action of October 26, 2001 and in further response to the Office Action of January 30, 2001.

Applicants filed an Amendment Under CFR § 1.121(a) on August 13, 2001 in response to the Office Action dated January 30, 2001. The aforesaid Amendment canceled certain claims, amended claim 33 and added claims 47-67, leaving only claim 33 and claims 47-67 in the application.

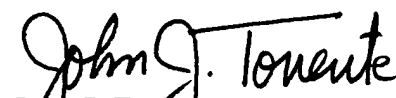
In the Office Action of October 26, 2001, the Examiner has advised that amended claim 33 and newly added claims 47-67 were directed to an invention that is independent and distinct from the originally claimed invention. The Examiner then withdrew these claims from consideration as directed to a non-elected invention. This rendered the Amendment not fully responsive.

Applicants have filed herewith a Divisional Continued Prosecution Application directed to claims 33 and added claims 47-67. This filing with the Amendment is believed to constitute a complete response. Accordingly, reconsideration and examination of amended claim 33 and added claims 47-67 is respectfully requested.

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